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WILL ENGLAND WIN TO-DAY?



To-day it is expected over 100,000 people will watch the great Rugby football match at the Crystal Palace, when England meets New Zealand, and will strive for the victory Scotland and Ireland have already failed to gain. On the left is Mr. V. H. Cartwright (of Oxford and Midland Counties), captain of the English XV.; and on the right Mr. Gallaher, captain of the hitherto invincible "All-Blacks." The small pictures show our Colonial visitors in characteristic attitudes, specially taken by *Daily Mirror* photographers.

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W. K. DOUGLAS, "Madras," Bedwardine-road, Upper Norwood, testifies: "I beg to thank you and all concerned in the inception and carrying out of this capital scheme, from which I feel I shall derive immense enjoyment to the end of my days."

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The Modern Note

Although the authors of the first rank of past days are represented in the Library, the modern note that is struck is strong, clear, and continuous. Which are the great names in the literature of to-day? Among the most popular living British writers are George Meredith, Thomas Hardy, Rudyard Kipling, Hall Caine, Mrs. Humphry Ward, "Ouida," Anthony Hope, H. Rider Haggard, "Ian Maclaren," Andrew Lang, J. M. Barrie, I. Zangwill, Jerome K. Jerome, Austin Dobson, Sir A. Conan Doyle, Quiller-Couch, W. Clark Russell, James Bryce, and S. R. Crompton; and among poets Swinburne and Sir Lewis Morris. All these leading living authors can be read at their best in the International Library. In the same way, the most famous of living foreign writers are prominently represented. Ibsen, the celebrated Swedish dramatist; Maeterlinck, "the Belgian Shakespeare," as he has been called; Sienkiewicz, the foremost Polish novelist; Tolstoi, the great Russian novelist and philosopher; as well as the most eminent living writers of France, Germany, and America, are all at your command to thrill and delight you in these pages. In fact, a good half of the whole twenty volumes reflects the best literary output of the 19th and 20th centuries.

The Best Houses in the Land

The best houses in the land are adorned with this great Library. 20,000 distinguished people (including such eminent personages as Lord Rothschild, Princess Henry of Prussia, the Bishop of Angoulême, and other well-known people) are already owners of the Library, and are proud in its possession. What we are now aiming at, and what we are rapidly accomplishing, is to put these Libraries in the homes of people of lesser means. This is why we are offering them at a price and on terms that as an ordinary business transaction would be simply impossible.

Time Flies!

Time flies, and these Libraries are being ordered in increasing numbers every day. You must order quickly if you want early delivery, otherwise you may have to wait a considerable time. All orders are filled in rotation, first come, first served. And even now we are unable to manufacture rapidly enough to keep pace with the rush of orders. Therefore, send for Free Booklet to-day, and let your order follow as soon as possible after, if you wish to avoid disappointment.

THE GOVERNMENT TO RESIGN.

Reported Decision at Yesterday's Cabinet Meeting.

MR. BALFOUR'S VIEWS.

The King Will Probably Grant Him an Audience on Monday.

DATE OF DISSOLUTION.

Mr. Balfour has decided to resign rather than remain in office and dissolve Parliament in January.

This decision was the outcome of the Cabinet meeting yesterday. No official announcement on the subject will be issued for some days, and possibly silence may be maintained for an even longer period. But there seems to be little doubt as to the main fact that the Prime Minister insisted on resigning, despite an opinion to the contrary on the part of some of his fellow Ministers, and that he will take an early opportunity of communicating to the King his desire to be relieved of the cares of State.

INTOLERABLE POSITION.

It is known that Mr. Balfour last week, feeling his position was becoming intolerable on account of the accentuation of party division over the fiscal question, was strongly in favour of surrendering office. He might have done so without consultation, as such a responsibility rests with the Premier alone. But he wished to take the views of his supporters, and finally, in deference to their opinions, he decided to defer action.

Yesterday, however, Mr. Balfour is believed to have reopened the question, and showed that he felt so strongly in favour of resignation that the other Ministers no longer felt justified in advising against delay. The meeting was a comparatively brief one, lasting no more than an hour and a half. As a result a special messenger left London to carry to Sandringham a communication informing His Majesty of the feeling of the Cabinet, and the Prime Minister will have an audience at Buckingham Palace on Monday.

It remains to be seen what course the Sovereign will then take. The most obvious alternative is, of course, to send for Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman as possible leader of the Opposition.

ELECTIONEERING DISADVANTAGES.

Last week Liberal opinion was all against Sir Henry accepting office on such terms but a significant change was noticed yesterday on the part of the more responsible journals, and it is by no means improbable that Sir Henry would consent if asked to form a Government.

Leading members of the Opposition argue that, whatever electioneering disadvantages would attach to accepting a transfer of office under existing parliamentary conditions, it might prejudice the Liberals still more in the public estimation if, after clamouring for the resignation of the present Unionist Government, they failed to take prompt advantage of the first opportunity.

Next Tuesday the King will hold at Buckingham Palace in ordinary course the Privy Council, at which Parliament will be further prorogued. It is probable that then some date in February may be fixed for the meeting of Parliament "for the dispatch of business," but this formality does not at all preclude the idea of a dissolution in January.

Mr. Balfour left London last night for Gloucestershire for the week-end. His visit to Leeds has been fixed for Monday, December 18.

UNITED PARTY.

How far will the difference of views affect the Unionist poll at the election? This interesting question is discussed by the "Evening Standard," the tariff reform organ.

Despite the alleged great differences, it says, the Unionists will go to the country an almost united party. The relations between Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain are of the most harmonious kind, and the truth of the assertion will be made manifest in the forthcoming political campaign.

Fiscal reformers, whether they are prepared to endorse the whole policy advocated by Mr. Chamberlain, or whether they can see their way at present to go only as far as retaliation, will go forward together. No candidate who accepts the minimum will be opposed by tariff reformers.

Only the seats of those who are against any change whatever in the fiscal system, and are therefore in opposition to the great body of the party, will be contested.

MR. REDMOND ON HOME RULE.

Last night Mr. John Redmond, M.P., addressed his constituents at Waterford.

For ten years past, said Mr. Redmond, we have been hearing on all sides that Home Rule is dead.

We were told so at the commencement of this Parliament in his famous speech at Blenheim in 1900, and when the present Government was elected it was freely stated that Home Rule was buried under a hostile majority of 150 in the House of Commons. And it was not only the Tories, the open and avowed enemies of Home Rule, who said that Home Rule was dead, but we had men like Lord Rosebery, who, although made Prime Minister by Ireland—for he never would have been Prime Minister of England were it not for Ireland—declaring that Home Rule was dead and would be heard of no more.

In recent times, when the reaction in favour of the Liberal Party became greater, they had seen a whole crowd of so-called Liberals inspired by Lord Rosebery hugging the comfortable delusion that Home Rule could be buried from their path.

The fact was that nothing which could occur in the politics of these kingdoms, nothing that any English statesman can do, or any English party can do, can displace Home Rule as the great Imperial question of the day.

LAST NIGHT'S SPEECHES.

The situation was responsible for members of Parliament delivering many speeches in various parts of the country last night.

Speaking at York, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Lyttelton, maintained that, whatever the present Government might do, the electors had a right to know what was the policy of those who wished to be their successors. He maintained that upon vital points of policy the Opposition were fundamentally in disagreement.

On the subject of Home Rule, he said it was not making too extravagant a demand upon their opponents to ask that before they invited the voters to pronounce in their favour they should at least determine amongst themselves what the elements of their policy were to be.

Mr. T. Butt, at Morpeth, said there was every reason to think that on Irish and other questions the Liberals and Progressives would support Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's clearly-expressed views.

Mr. Haldane, at Salisbury, said he should prefer the Liberals deferring the formation of a Government until after the general election. It was a duty they owed to the country to give it an opportunity of pronouncing clearly and unmistakably on Mr. Chamberlain's policy.

At a meeting at South-West Ham, where it was announced that Major James M.P., would not contest the seat in the Conservative interest, Mr. Michael Davitt spoke in support of Councils of Thorne and Home Rule. He said that the protests against her present mode of government had been of a revolutionary nature, but he made no apology for that, his only regret was that none of the protests had succeeded.

Lord Hugh Cecil, addressing a meeting at Greenwich, said, if the Conservative Party adopted precisely the policy which would lead to the same ridiculous position as the Liberal Party were in regard to Home Rule, and for years to come would be like them, struggling and wriggling to get rid of this Old Man of the Sea.

MOB ATTACKS GOVERNOR'S HOUSE.

British Guiana Forces Fire Repeatedly on Riotous Dock Labourers.

GEORGETOWN (British Guiana), Friday.—The strike of dock labourers here has led to serious rioting for two days, the stores in the town being looted.

The Riot Act was read, and the local forces fired repeatedly at the mob, among which there were many casualties.

Attacks have been made on the Governor's house. There is considerable alarm among the white population.—Reuter.

BOMB TRIAL ENDS.

Acquittal of Alleged Conspirators Against King Alfonso and M. Lobet.

PARIS, Friday.—The trial of the four men accused of having been concerned in the attempt on the lives of the King of Spain and President Loubet did not finish until a quarter-past three this morning.

The jury, after deliberating for an hour and a half, brought in a verdict acquitting all the accused.

The verdict was the signal for an outburst of cheering. Cries of "Vive le Jury!" were raised.

Two of the accused, Harvey and Vallina, have been given by the police eight days in which to leave France. A decree of expulsion had been issued against them before their trial.—Reuter.

TRIO OF ABSCONDING BANK CLERKS.

A telegram from Rennes states that the names of the absconding officials of the Credit Lyonnais are Alphonse le Metayer, Rossin, and De Lalande. The first two had been in the firm's employ seven years, the last only a few months. All are married men. Their defalcations amount to an enormous sum. Other persons are suspected of complicity, and are under surveillance.—Exchange.

EMPLOYING THE UNEMPLOYED.

"Daily Mirror" Scheme Brings Work and Wages to Nearly 6,000.

A FORTNIGHT'S WORK.

Results Only Limited by the Amount of Contributions.

By this evening the *Daily Mirror* scheme for providing work for London's great army of willing but workless men will have completed its second week. In that time it will have given work and wages to nearly 6,000 men—to be precise, 5,935.

The extent to which the scheme might grow is only limited by the funds at the disposal of the *Daily Mirror*. Our readers have generously provided us with the funds to carry on the work up to its present stage. Yesterday, among other subscriptions, there was a cheque from Lady Maple for £32 10s., a sum which will pay the wages of 300 men for a day. Another cheque for £17 10s. from Mrs. Hildyard will pay 100 men their wage of 3s. 6d. for their day's useful work. Lady Cave-Browne-Cave's cheque for £25 will pay for forty-five men. And all these men have wives and children to support. The work they are doing is not only useful to the general community, but necessary to themselves.

Subscriptions should be sent to the Editor, the *Daily Mirror*, 12, Whitefriars-street, London, E.C., and then every penny will reach the men in wages for useful work of a public nature, well done.

LADY ST. HELIER'S SCHEME.

To-day, under Lady St. Helier's scheme many poor women start work in Bethnal Green, in Hoxton, in South Hackney, and in Haggerston—120 in all.

"I hope," said Lady St. Helier to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, "that the generosity of your readers will keep these 120 women at work for a fortnight. Thus, even if there is no more money forthcoming, a very great deal of misery in several of the worst stricken parts of London will have been averted."

Lady St. Helier has kindly promised to write herself an account of the progress of the work, which will be published in Monday's *Daily Mirror*.

"DAILY MIRROR" FUND SUBSCRIPTIONS YESTERDAY.

Already acknowledged	£	s.	d.	K. and M. F.	10	0	
Judged	1558	0	4	Southern	5	0	
Lady Maple	52	10	0	W. S. D.	5	0	
Mrs. Hildyard	17	10	0	W. S. D.	5	0	
Moyle, Haywards	17	10	0	Mill Hill	5	0	
Blath	17	10	0	M. E. E. Plymouth	5	0	
Lady Cave-Browne	25	0	0	Old Workman, J.	7	0	
Cave	8	0	0	S. Barrell	7	0	
Ray and E. C.	10	0	0	A. E. H. Sheffield	7	0	
Wyn	10	0	0	W. S. Fenton, Car-	7	0	
W. G. Cole, West	5	0	0	rouds	7	0	
Baling	5	0	0	Mrs. E. Topper	7	0	
Mrs. Byng	5	0	0	"Gardie"	3	6	
Rev. H. A. Fielden	5	0	0	Rowles	7	0	
Kirkby Stephen	5	0	0	Sympathiser, Clie-	7	0	
C. O. Clarke, New-	6	0	0	don-Sea	7	0	
quay	6	0	0	Sym p a t h i s e	3	6	
Sir Wm. Robinson	6	0	0	Bishop's Stafford	7	0	
Rev. H. A. Fielden	4	0	0	For One of the	3	6	
Miss S.W.	4	0	0	Unemployed	3	6	
Croydon	4	0	0	C. and C. Angelo	3	6	
W. Laid	4	0	0	A. Goversness	3	6	
Mrs. J. E. and the	2	0	0	"Gardie"	3	6	
Miss Wilson	2	0	0	Miss Elbne Murray	3	6	
George Sanders	2	0	0	M. P. T. East	4	6	
H. H. Morton, B.	2	0	0	Ping, W.	3	6	
Croydon	2	0	0	Haywood	2	6	
O. Howarth, Pen-	2	0	0	A Symphatizer	2	6	
sance	2	0	0	A Rickdale, Wo-	2	6	
Two City Girls	1	4	8	man's Mite	1	0	
F. W. Brockley, S.E.	1	1	0	Helga	1	0	
Lady Green	1	1	0	Two Poor People	3	6	
J. A. W. Edmondson	1	1	0	and Their Land	3	6	
F. M. P.	1	1	0	Fady St. Albans	3	6	
Limpley Stoke	1	1	0	J. H. B. Little	3	6	
H. S. Liphook	1	1	0	A. K. C.	3	6	
F. C. S.	1	1	0	A Well-Wisher	3	6	
A. H. G. H.	1	1	0	Sibella	3	6	
M. L.	1	1	0	Cleland	14	0	
M. L. 881552	1	1	0	D. and R.	10	6	
M. H.	1	1	0	An Early Xmas	3	6	
A. Anglian Priest	10	0	0	Thank-offering	3	6	
S. and T.	12	9	0	From Baby Mary	2	0	
Quinn, G. and	13	0	0	Box	7	0	
W. Thatcher and	12	0	0	Harrow Green	3	6	
L. A. D. (Holloway)	10	0	0	From Baby Mary	2	0	
A. H. G. H.	10	0	0	"Alice" Little-	3	6	
One Who Sympath-	10	0	0	hampton	3	6	
izes, Carlisle	10	0	0				
L. A. T. Paignton	10	0	0				
Quinn, G. and	10	0	0				
North Devon	10	0	0				
C. L. C. Bristol	10	0	0				
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Nov. 19 to Dec. 1	£	s.	d.	Nov. 19 to Dec. 1	£	s.	d.
By Wages	1028	15	0	By Wages	1028	15	0
Balance in hand	483	8	7	received	1512	3	7
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Further particulars of the *Daily Mirror* scheme appear on page 11.

TO-DAY'S BIG MATCH. Duel Between England and New Zealand at the Crystal Palace.

IMMENSE ENTHUSIASM.

It is impossible to compute the size of the crowd which will be present at the Crystal Palace to-day afternoon to witness the great match between England and the New Zealanders.

One thing is certain—no Rugby football match has ever created anything approaching the enthusiasm which is being shown on the present occasion. Not only is the match drawing to the Palace tens of thousands of enthusiasts, but good football is always an attraction, but thousands of men and women for whom the Etling and Harrow match at Lord's is the chief sport event of ordinary years.

A week ago 15,232 seats had been sold. Some £3,000 has had to be returned to applicants who applied through the post for places after all the seats had been disposed of.

For a 6s. seat yesterday a stockbroker offered £5. One gentleman telegraphed offering £27 for three 5s. seats, and the Duke of Manchester could not be accommodated with four 5s. seats although he offered £10 for them. But the committee have built four special seats for the Duke's party, and invited him as their guest.

A large number of the London football clubs have scratched matches arranged for to-day, so the members can be present at the great game at the Palace. A few business houses in the City are closing earlier than usual to give their employees a chance to get to the field in time.

HOW TO GET TO THE PALACE.

Special trains are being run from London Bridge, Victoria, St. Paul's, Holborn Viaduct, and Clapham Junction, the chief railway routes to the Crystal Palace. A quick route whereby some of the crush may be avoided is from the Victoria Street to Fenchurch Street, motor-omnibuses and char-a-bancs will be employed in conveying spectators. The record attendance which to-day's crowd will beat is that of the 110,820 spectators who saw Tottenham Hotspur successful in the final tie for the Association Cup in 1902.

The New Zealanders will not, in spite of rumours, alter their formation. The same battle order that sufficed for the crumpling up of Scotland at Ireland will face the flower of England to-day.

Seen at their headquarters yesterday, the "A Blacks" looked remarkably fit and keen.

"Do you and the others feel nervous?" asked the *Daily Mirror*, addressing the secretary. "Well," replied Mr. Dixon, "we really have a time to be nervous."

Yesterday the New Zealanders kept very quiet and only moderate exercise was taken. The rival teams dined together at the Trocadero last night.

Twenty pair-horse vans were busy all yesterday conveying provisions for the colossal crowd that expected. Messrs. J. Lyons and Co. expect the organisation will be strained to its utmost capacity, and 1,200 people will be employed in preparing the food and waiting upon customers.

To every member of the team that wears Messrs. Curzon Bros., the enterprising City tailors, will offer a suit of clothes.

The match begins at 2.40. Details of the two teams will be found on page 14.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

The death is announced of Sir H. C. Fischer, Controller of the Telegraph Department.

Father Gapon, who has been in St. Petersburg for several weeks, has fled to Finland, fearing arrest.

At Nice railway robbers have just made a haul of £12,000, contained in a portmanteau addressed to the Credit Lyonnais.

Bishop Scannell, of the Roman Catholic Church, has excommunicated a bridesmaid who officiated at Omaha (Nebraska) at the wedding of a man who had divorced his wife.

The Sultan, says a Tangier message, has no intention of Power, I. Lyca at Algiers on December 21, to discuss the Moroccan difficulty, instead of on December 15.

The Copenhagen Maritime Court yesterday exonerated from all blame Captain Mitchell, of the British steamer *Ancona*, with which the Danish training-ship *Georg Stage* collided, twenty-two cadets being drowned.

Mr. Joseph Smith, one of the originators at trustees of the Yorkshire Miners' Association, died at Normanton last night from complications following a chill caught at the funeral of the late Mr. William Parrott, M.P.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:—Foggy to fair; rain by afternoon or evening; milder; south-westerly winds. Lighting-up time, 4.52 p.m. Sea passages will be moderate to rather rough.

DETAT EXPECTED.

Widespread Disloyalty Proved Amid the Tsar's Entourage.

GRAND DUKE SUSPECTED.

Cossacks the Only Troops Whose Devotion Is Above Suspicion.

The Russian terror is now concentrated around the person of the Tsar himself.

For many days the most sinister rumours have been passing from month to month in St. Petersburg. In the entourage of the Emperor no person has escaped the breath of calumny. Not even the Grand Dukes are free from suspicion.

It is now admitted that arrests have been frequent among the officers of the Guards, the regiments to whose care the safety of the Tsar has been committed.

A coup d'etat is now anticipated, says Reuter, it being felt that the only alternative to anarchy is a strong military rule. The very children have put aside their toys and play at revolution.

The financial panic of St. Petersburg is intensifying. The Bourse is thronged with sellers; there are no buyers of securities of any kind.

TSAR SAID TO BE WOUNDED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Friday, 11 p.m.—The private reports circulating to the effect that the Emperor has been wounded as the result of the palace conspiracy are untrue. His Majesty to-day presided at the Council of Ministers.

The guards arrested number 250, including twenty officers. The affair has created an immense sensation here. There was a further fall in stocks to-day, and telephone messages from Moscow report growing financial perturbation there.

Revolution is openly talked of both in Moscow and St. Petersburg.—Reuter.

GRAND DUKE A SUSPECT.

ST. PETERSBURG, Friday.—A report has been in circulation that one of the Grand Dukes has been implicated in a plot against the Tsar.

There are some indications that a conspiracy among the officers of the guard regiments at Tsarskoe Selo has been discovered, but whether any Grand Duke was concerned or not it is impossible to say.

Every day arrested soldiers are to be seen escorted between their comrades with drawn swords. St. Petersburg is swarming with Cossacks, who are the only troops against whom there has hitherto been no suspicion of disaffection, and it is understood that the whole of the Cossack forces in the empire, to the number of 450,000, will be mobilised.—Reuter.

TSAR'S GUARDS ARRESTED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Friday.—A number of Guards officers have been arrested at Tsarskoe Selo. There are growing anticipations of a coup d'etat, it being felt that the only alternative to anarchy is the institution of strong military rule.

Any concessions made now would produce practically no effect on the public mind, and the abolition of martial law in Poland is regarded as having been extorted from the Government by force majeure, as also will be the dismissal of M. Dournovo, Minister of the Interior, which is expected immediately.

The latter will be construed perhaps rightly as a direct result of the telegraphists' strike.—Reuter.

FRENZIED JOY IN POLAND.

WARSAW, Friday.—The news of the abolition of martial law has been published in the newspapers, and has caused manifestations of delight.

The police have been ordered to arrest the newspaper boys delivering the papers to subscribers, because the news was published without the permission of the authorities.

This evening a workman in attendance on a soldier on patrol, shouting out: "Martial law is abolished!" The soldier fired at and killed him.—Reuter.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S POLICE-SERGEANT.

Sergeant Kelsey, one of the best-known officers of the Household Police, who retires on a pension to-day, has been given a post in the Lord Chamberlain's department at Windsor Castle.

He was travelling sergeant in attendance on Queen Victoria, accompanying her Majesty to Balmoral, Osborne, and elsewhere, and one of his most prized possessions is a signed and framed photograph handed to him by the late Queen.

Royal Family's Quiet Round of Gaicities at Sandringham Yesterday.

Queen Alexandra spent her birthday in happy circumstances at Sandringham yesterday, a quiet round of gaieties being added to the purely family celebrations.

One thing wanting to complete her Majesty's pleasure was the presence of more of the Royal Family, but the cablegrams of good wishes that arrived early showed that the thoughts of the Prince and Princess of Wales, engrossed as they were in ceremonies in the land of brilliant sunshine, and of other absent members, turned for the day to the Norfolk home in the grey island.

The birthday greetings were very numerous, and there appeared to be a larger quantity of presents than ever.

The congratulations of the members of the Royal Family and of the Sandringham household were during the morning supplemented by those from her Majesty's grandchildren at York Cottage.

His Majesty went out with the guests for pleasant shooting in the Wofferton Woods, and her Majesty, with Princess Victoria and the lady guests, lunched with the sportsmen.

The birthday dinner-party, at which there was a brilliant gathering, was the chief event of the celebrations.

Then a varied programme of amusements, including the performance of a playlet, "O! Pierretta," by the Follies, and Mr. J. M. Barrie's "The Pantaloon," and bioscope pictures, followed in the ballroom.

His Majesty has conferred on King George of Greece the Royal Victorian Chain, and made great promotion in and appointments to the Order among the royal visitor's retinue. Sir F. Elliott, Minister at Athens, is appointed Knight Grand Cross.

LORD ROBERTS'S DECISION.

Hero of Kandahar Resolved To Devote Himself to National Military Training.

We are officially informed that, in view of his many public engagements throughout the country in connection with his proposals for universal military training, Lord Roberts has felt obliged to relinquish his position on the Committee of Imperial Defence.

The Prime Minister has requested Lord Esher and Sir John French to hold themselves in readiness to take part in the work of the committee. Mr. Chamberlain, presiding at Birmingham last night at a Volunteer prize distribution, said the South African war taught us the necessity of the reorganisation of our military forces. Conscription was impossible in England, and he hoped manufacturers and the public would support the Volunteer movement.

At a meeting of the headmasters of preparatory schools held at the Royal United Service Institution yesterday, at which the Preparatory Schools Rifle Association was definitely formed, a cordial letter from Lord Methuen was read approving of the scheme.

"FEEBLE-MINDED" PRODIGES.

Girl of Delicent Intellect Whose Musical Feats Were Nevertheless Remarkable.

A number of interesting cases, which have come under his notice, were cited yesterday to the Royal Commission on the Feeble-Minded, by Mr. W. H. Illingworth, superintendent of Henshaw's Blind Asylum, at Manchester.

One boy, who was brought to him at the age of six, was a very low intellect, developed at the age of fourteen a remarkable musical faculty, and was likely to become self-supporting as a pianoforte tuner, owing to his preliminary training in a special school.

There was, too, a girl who had such a marvellous memory that not only could she play a long piece of music after hearing it once, but when asked what day of the week November 7 would be in 1910 she could give the correct answer.

FLOWER OF NATIVE INDIAN TROOPS.

Lahore, Friday.—To-day the Prince of Wales reviewed the contingents of Imperial Service troops from eight Punjab States.

The force numbered over 3,000 men of soldierly appearance, and his Royal Highness expressed his satisfaction with their bearing.—Reuter.

MOTOR-CAR GIFT FOR LATE ETON "HEAD."

Old Etonians will to-day present to Dr. Warre, the late headmaster of Eton, a Rolls-Royce motor-car, which is on view at the premises of Messrs. C. S. Rolls and Co., 14 and 15, Conduit-street, W.

Y.M.C.A.'S NEW PRESIDENT.

Lord Kinnaird was, at a meeting in London yesterday, unanimously appointed president of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A., in succession to the late Sir George Williams.

Meeting to Promote Friendship with Our Rivals.

SIGN OF THE TIMES.

Half a century ago the people of this country would have been astonished beyond measure at the calling of a meeting to promote good feeling between this country and Germany.

"Why should anyone want to promote good feeling between us and Germany? What is the possibility of a conflict between us?" would have been asked as recently as twenty years ago. That such a meeting actually took place yesterday is a sign of the times.

It is a public recognition of a state of irritation between the two countries, chiefly fostered by the ill-natured attitude of the German Press and the restlessness of the Kaiser. The quarrel—if it can be called that—certainly has not been sought by Englishmen. Whether cordial friendship can be restored by a gathering of peers and Bishops at Caxton Hall, Westminster, remains to be seen.

Whatever the result, however, there was no question about the seriousness of the gathering yesterday. It was presided over by Lord Avebury, who was supported by a great many influential people from both Houses of Parliament, by Count Bernstorff, of the German Embassy, and others.

Countries Much in Common.

The object, the chairman said, was to dispel the feeling of hostility between Germany and England and Germany. Why should there be? Both countries had so much in common, in race, religion, and ideals that there was no reason for distrust between them.

In some quarters belief had been expressed that the entente cordiale was animated by a hostile feeling towards Germany. An address, to which the Duke of Argyll, nine other peers, eight bishops, sixty-four members of Parliament (Conservative, Liberal, and Labour), Archbishop Bourne, and many leaders of Nonconformity have become signatories, was submitted. It expressed the conviction that there is no good ground, either in economic or political circumstances, for any unfriendly policy between the two nations.

The Duke of Argyll wrote a long letter, as follows:—

"We emphatically protest against the mere thought of a conflict as a folly and a crime. We know of no possible ground of serious quarrel between the two nations."

A resolution was passed approving of the formation of an Anglo-German Friendship Committee.

WORKMEN WIN £40,000.

One of Two Lucky Brothers-in-Law Had Been Actually Out of Work.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Friday.—The £40,000 prize in the French Press lottery was won to-day by two brothers-in-law, MM. Gelpin et Nesson, of Lille.

Gelpin, a journeyman painter, is forty-eight years old, and married, having five children. He has been out of work for a week.

On hearing of his luck Gelpin stated to a local reporter that he would give £400 to each member of his family and would buy an annuity for his father. One of his sons is a canteen-keeper.

His brother-in-law, a brass-turner, is thirty-two years of age, and a bachelor. He is an orphan, but has three brothers and two sisters.

NEW REMEDY FOR CANCER.

Provincial Doctor Claims to Have Cured Eight Cases After Nine Years' Research.

An Accrington doctor, with an Edinburgh degree, who has for nine years been engaged in cancer research, yesterday stated that he is able to cure cancer by a secret remedy, the exact nature of which he declines to disclose.

He claims to have cured eight cases, and one is at present in the Manchester Royal Infirmary under the observation of another doctor, for the purpose of verifying his conclusions.

It is on the lines of the theory of the Cancer Research Committee that a cure would be effected by stopping the proliferation of cancer-cells that he has worked. Hitherto he has devoted himself to external cancer, but is now administering his remedy in a case of internal disease.

MINISTER KILLED ON THE RAILWAY.

The Rev. J. Richard Cox, for sixteen years Baptist minister at Buckhurst Hill, met with a tragic death yesterday.

In trying to board a down train to Buckhurst Hill, at Woodford Station, he slipped and fell between two carriages. His death was instantaneous.

Girl's Remarkable Narrative of a Day's Imprisonment by Master and Mistress.

Found guilty of extraordinary cruelty to a young servant-girl, the Rev. James Dudman, of Upperton, Eastbourne, and his wife, aged thirty-nine and thirty-two respectively, were yesterday sentenced by the Eastbourne magistrates to a month's imprisonment in the second division.

The girl—Agnes Kate Telling, who is twenty years of age, and comes from Nailsworth, Stroud, Gloucestershire—related how she went into the employ of the Dudmans last April at a wage of £12 a year.

In September last the family went to Eastbourne, and since their arrival there she had only received 2s. wages.

The allegations dealt with had reference to last Tuesday, when the following events, according to the girl, took place:—

Servant got up at 6 a.m. Mistress came down soon after, and found breakfast not ready.

Mrs. Dudman had the utensils locked up; struck the girl first with a teething-rink, and then with a saucepan, beating her all the time as she ran into the scullery.

Mr. Dudman then struck witness several times on the arm and back with a walking-stick.

Breakfast over, Mrs. Dudman complained the nursery was not ready, emphasising the complaint with blows inflicted with a hair-brush.

A few hours later Mrs. Dudman beat her with a poker, and then with a carpet-beater.

At super-time the ill-treatment was repeated, and when Mrs. Dudman ceased her punishment her husband broke a walking-stick across the girl's back, and, getting another from the hall, and following her to her bedroom, struck her three times.

The following day the girl went to the work-house, where she was advised to go to the police.

The doctor said the girl's condition bore out her complaints. The defence was that the girl was troublesome, and that her story was exaggerated. On sentence being passed, notice of appeal was given.

MANXLAND'S GOOD FORTUNE.

Princely Bequests Include Hospital, Church, Cottage Home, and Scholarships.

Trustees of the late Mr. Henry Bloom Noble, of Douglas, Isle of Man, who were left with several hundred thousand pounds to deal with in charity, yesterday notified their intention of granting several magnificent bequests.

The chief included a new hospital to Douglas to cost £20,000, with free site and £21,000 towards its maintenance. A Henry Bloom Noble Nursing Fund is to be established, with branches in five districts of the island; also a cottage home to accommodate a hundred children, at a cost of £10,000, and another £20,000 has been presented for its endowment.

For seven scholarships of £50 each £10,000 has been devoted for the benefit of Manx boys, and £10,000 will go to the Douglas Corporation to provide public baths free to children on certain days. A new church for Douglas is to be built at a cost of £10,000.

Various bequests announced absorb about £150,000, while at least another £150,000 is lying in the trustees' hands.

ADVENT OF THE MOTOR-BOAT.

British Club Holds Its First Annual Dinner Under the Presidency of Its Admiral "Commodore."

There was an influential attendance at the Hotel Cecil last night, when the first annual dinner of the British Motor-boat Club took place.

The chair was taken by the Commodore of the club, Admiral Sir William Kennedy, K.C.B. The speeches had reference to the great roadway made by the industry and the increasing recognition by the public and the authorities of the value and necessity of this new form of navigation.

TO CLEAN THE COW-PONDS OF POPLAR.

Mr. Will Crooks caused some amusement when handing a cheque for £100 to the Central Unemployed Committee yesterday.

He said it had been sent him by a Countess de Noaille for putting unemployed to clean the ponds at which the cows drank in Poplar. He had pointed out that there were very few cows or ponds in Poplar, and the lady had consented to the cheque being handed to the committee.

LADY BADLY HURT IN THE HUNTING FIELD.

While hunting with Lord Bathurst's hounds at Oaksey, near Kemble, yesterday, Mrs. Christy, wife of Major Christy, of Badgenon House, near Cirencester, fell with her horse at a fence, and had a leg broken.

She was conveyed home, where the broken limb was set. She and her husband are well-known hunting people.

AVERTED RIOT IN CHEAPSID.

Disorderly Scenes in the City Lead
to Five Arrests.

FIERY SPEECHES.

A rowdy section of the unemployed—not the deserving class which the *Daily Mirror's* readers are striving so generously to help—created disturbances in the City yesterday, and several men were arrested.

These scenes were the outcome of a noisy meeting which, earlier in the day, had been addressed by Mr. "Jack" Williams and other unemployed leaders upon Tower Hill.

The speakers had an audience of 700 or 800 men and boys, who wildly cheered every dark hint thrown out suggesting resistance to the police, and the taking of bread by force.

There would have been a much larger gathering had contingents from the south of London been allowed to cross the bridges. But the police had notified their intention to bar the bridges to processions, and very few men took the trouble to go independently.

Leader Officially Warned.

During the meeting the police handed a notice to Mr. J. Williams to the effect that the threatened attempt to assemble in the neighbourhood of the Guildhall would be stopped, and that processions interfering with the traffic in City streets would be dispersed.

Mr. Williams read the document, and told the officer that he was not prepared to surrender the right of procession and of public meeting, and that on occasion he would take steps to defend it. Then, instead of attempting to march to the Guildhall in procession, as that processions the method of the Unemployed Central Committee there, the crowd split up into small groups, apparently with the idea of meeting in the Guildhall Yard to hold a demonstration there.

The police had made their dispositions with the view to cope with any emergency.

Shouts of "Down with our tyrants" were raised, and numbers of the men tried to make their way into the Guildhall Yard. An energetic attempt to disperse the crowd that had assembled was then begun, and the collision with the detectives brought about five arrests. As the arrested men were taken away there were loud groans and cries of "Serve them as they do in Russia!"

Waving a Red Banner.

After the five men had been marched off to the Clock-lane Police Station, an attempt to revive the demonstration was made by a man who ran along King-street carrying a red flag, on which were figured a skull and crossbones.

Failure, however, attended his efforts, and he was allowed to go away at the head of a small following still carrying his banner aloft.

Many precautions had been taken in the City against any damage to property. Lest a rush should be made upon the meat in Smithfield a strong force of police had been stationed there, and many shopkeepers, chiefly jewellers, in Cheapside and neighbourhood, had closed their shops.

The five men arrested will be charged at the Mansion House Police Court to-day. None of them are recognised leaders of the unemployed.

"TRAWLERS OF MEN."

Action in Which "Monte Carlo Wells" Is
Condemned Running in Two Courts.

What is known now as the "Monte Carlo Wells Case" was mentioned in two places yesterday—the Chancery Division and the Tower Bridge Police Court.

It will be remembered that William Davenport, alias Wells, and Vyvyan Henry Moyle are accused of obtaining £6,000 by false pretences when trading as the "South and South-West Coast Steam Trawling and Fishing Syndicate." The proceedings in both courts were adjourned.

The Chancery action was one in which Mr. Butcher, K.C., applied to Mr. Justice Farwell on behalf of Mr. Wheatcroft and fifty others, to whom between £3,000 and £4,000 worth of twelve per cent. mortgage bonds in the syndicate had been issued, for an injunction to restrain the syndicate, William Davenport, and the Birkbeck Bank, from dealing with a deposit account at the bank in the name of Davenport until the trial of the action.

PRACTICAL PROTEST AGAINST BAZAARS.

On condition that no part of it shall go towards the erection of mission buildings in parishes where bazaars or sales of work are held as a means of raising money for the purpose, a promise of a special donation of £100 has been received by the secretary of the Incorporated Church Building Society, Westminster.

Proposed Joint Action of Automobiles in Defence of Their Interests.

The following letter has been sent to two candidates for Parliament who have requested the loan of motor-cars during the forthcoming contest:—

Dear Sir,—In reply to your request for the loan of my motor-cars during the forthcoming election, I regret that until I have a definite undertaking that you will support reasonable amendments to the present unjust laws in regard to these vehicles I do not feel disposed to send to distant parts of England valuable cars which I quite recognise as essential to the success of the forthcoming contests. I do not take this course without reason. Formerly, I was in the habit of lending my automobiles to members of our party without any question.

As a rule, the rough-and-tumble of an election seriously injures a motor-car, but I am sure that all enthusiastic Unionists are willing to take that risk. To the past, however, I have had a valuable car returned to me badly damaged, and I was not pleased to find that the member of Parliament who was assisted in gaining his seat by means of the vehicle in question, at once supported the legislation that has done so much injury to an industry that should be the means of finding work for at least as many of our mechanics as are employed therein in France. I would repeat that unless, therefore, you are prepared to give me your assurance that you will support reasonable legislation on lines the basis of which I will forward, I regret that I must reluctantly decline to dispatch my vehicles to your help.—Yours faithfully,

ALFRED HARMSWORTH.

Sir Alfred Harmsworth will be very glad to hear from other motor-car owners who are being asked by candidates for Parliament for the loan of motor-cars, in order that joint action may be taken in the defence of their mutual interests. Letters should be addressed to him at the "Daily Mail" office.

MR. HORNER, M.P.

Counsel, Applying for Adjournment, Gives Assurance
That Creditors Will Be Paid in Full.

There was an awakened interest in the proceedings yesterday in the Appeal Court when the Associate called on the bankruptcy case "in re Horner." The case appeared in the list as:—

In re A Debtor (ex parte the debtor), No. 1,217 of 1905 from a Receiving Order made by Mr. Registrar Hope, dated Nov. 10, 1905.

Counsel for the debtor asked for an adjournment, saying that the creditors would be paid in full. An adjournment was granted on condition that certain affidavits are produced.

"MOST APPALLING NOISES."

Boarding-House Keeper Cannot Prevent Her Neighbor
from Banging Metal Buckets.

A dispute between two Harrogate ladies who are boarding-house keepers was heard in the Law Courts yesterday.

One complained of "noises of a most appalling character" which she said came from the house of her neighbour. According to the plaintiff, these noises consisted of shouting, shrieking, knocking on the wall, clapping on the floor with a piece of flat wood, beating a large number of the piano keys in a discordant manner, violent shaking of window sashes, and the banging of metal buckets in the backyard. The plaintiff said they only stopped in the summer, when defendant herself had boarders. His Lordship said the defendant was to be told not to make these noises, but he could not prevent her playing the piano in a reasonable manner.

PRIEST WILL OBEY THE LAW.

The Rev. George Martin, who was committed to prison on Wednesday at Greenwich for declining to give evidence on the ground that a priest must not divulge a statement made to him by a prisoner, has now consented to appear as a witness.

THREE PERSONS INJURED BY RUNAWAY HORSE.

After knocking down an elderly gentleman in Waterloo-place, London, yesterday afternoon, a horse, attached to a van, smashed a hansom cab to pieces, and then dashed into a four-wheeled cab. As a result, Mr. C. Bruff, residing near Bedford-square; Mr. H. Pratt, Lancaster-street, Notting Hill; and A. Tottman, of Doughty-mews, were conveyed to Charing Cross Hospital.

JURY "THOUGHT" TOO MUCH.

The clerk at the Nottingham Assizes yesterday asked the jury if they were agreed upon a verdict. The Foreman: Well, sir, I think we are. Mr. Justice Bucknill (with a look of surprise): Don't say "think," be sure. Take another minute.

Bridgewater's Ingenious Scheme to Dupe Two Tradesmen.

£150,000 BAIT.

The great organisation of criminals headed by Bridgewater, now fortunately broken up by the seizure on its organising spirit, did not invariably confine itself to forgery and burglary.

A clever fraud which was recently perpetrated upon two wealthy shop-keepers carrying on business in the most fashionable part of London, is understood to have been originated by the "master mind" of Bridgewater.

When war was imminent between Russia and Japan, a well-known hotel in the neighbourhood of Oxford-street was visited by a Russian "Count," who spent money freely and informed his friends that he was employed in the Commissariat Department of the Russian Government.

About a week before the outbreak of the war he called upon a leading portmanteau maker, and informed him that his Government had ordered him to proceed to the Far East, where he would have to purchase horses, mules, and contraband of war generally, for the Russian troops. His headquarters would be Singapore, and he would have to carry an enormous amount of money in English £5 notes.

Portmanteau's Secret Panel.

For this purpose he wanted a portmanteau specially made with a secret panel, in which the notes could be concealed; as to carry them on his person might be dangerous if he happened to be arrested as a spy.

The "Count" was delighted, and paid the tradesman forthwith, and in his presence packed £150,000 in what appeared to be £5 Bank of England notes in the secret receptacle. Two days afterwards he left for Singapore.

The months passed by, the battles of the war were fought, and peace was concluded. One morning the portmanteau-maker was surprised to receive a letter from the "Count." He had a sad story of Government perfidy to tell. As a result of false charges by corrupt officials he had been cast into a St. Petersburg gaol, where he was likely to remain, unless his friend, the portmanteau-maker, came to his rescue.

Just before his arrest he had left the portmanteau with £40,000 concealed in the secret panel in a hotel, but the warders were so dishonest that he was afraid to mention its name.

£1,000 for the Warder.

A friendly warder would release him, however, on payment of £1,000 in gold, and if he, the English tradesman, would come to St. Petersburg with that sum and go to a certain café wearing a yellow rose, on a date mentioned in the letter, a man would be there wearing a red rose, who would drop three lumps of sugar in his coffee.

This person would be the warder, and the £1,000 was to be paid to him. The same night the "Count" would be released, and he would meet his English friend, who would provide a disguise, and they would go to the hotel, procure the portmanteau, return to England, and divide the £120,000.

The portmanteau-maker fell into the trap, and repaired to St. Petersburg, where he met the man with the red rose, to whom he gave £1,000. It was constructed to meet the "Count" at midnight outside a certain prison where he was confined.

The Englishman waited until the morning, but no "Count" arrived. To his astonishment, however, a man who was lounging about the same locality turned out to be another West End tradesman, who had been duped in the same manner.

They recognised that if they combined to the authorities they might be charged with conspiring to defraud the Russian Government of the sum of £120,000, so they returned to England poorer but wiser men.

BATTERSEA GROANING UNDER ITS RATES.

Although Battersea's indebtedness now reaches £709,686, of which £72,256 relates to baths, the borough council are seeking powers to borrow £2,000 for the erection of workhouses.

At yesterday's Local Government Board Inquiry, Mr. J. W. Thomas said all the big industrial firms were thinking of leaving Battersea because of the high rates.

ANOTHER DEATH FROM ANTHRAX.

Anthrax perils are increasing alarmingly at Bradford, yesterday marking the fifth fatal case in two months, the victim being a wool-puller employed by Messrs. Cure and Co., wool-combers.

For the past three months he had been manipulating goat and camel hair. He became ill on Monday, and although two full doses of anti-toxin serum were administered on the Tuesday he died the following day.

Scientist Declares the Public-House One of the Chief Factors in Spreading Disease.

After the elementary school, there is perhaps no agency so capable of spreading disease as the public-house.

This is the conclusion to which a correspondent of the "Lancet," approaching the subject not from the temperance, but from the medical, point of view, arrived after a tour of public-houses in a poor quarter of London at night.

In all he noticed the absence of sanitary organisation. There were "the same evil smells, the same stifling atmosphere, the same intermixture of sick people with other customers."

In crowded bars, those in front who had obtained their drink had to "squash back" to permit others to reach the counter, and the result was a thorough rubbing of shoulders with all sorts of folk, regardless of their sanitary conditions.

It is to those with a tendency to consumption that the bars are specially dangerous, he decided. In the lower class of taverns the door is usually strewn with sawdust, which is expectorated on freely. The floor thus becomes impregnated with spum; the sawdust, when dry, is kicked about by the feet of visitors until the air is charged with the floating particles.

The fact that public-house servants are especial victims to pulmonary tuberculosis cannot be disregarded.

JUGS OF BEER LESS POPULAR.

Decay of Old Custom Has a Serious Effect on a
Big Company.

Beer brought in jugs from adjoining public-houses does not figure so often on the dinner and supper table of the working man as it did a little time ago.

This circumstance has had serious consequences for the shareholders of Watney, Combe, Reid and Co., Ltd., who have 1,200 houses in London. The valuation of houses has greatly fallen, and deficiencies in the payment of loans by licence holders has grown larger; so that the shareholders were informed at a special meeting in London yesterday that the net total of loss of capital, including goodwill, was estimated at £2,389,637.

The proposal of the directors to reduce the capital from £9,000,000 to £6,610,963 was carried by a large majority. A poll was demanded.

CLAIM TO A PEER'S MILLIONS.

"Druce, Limited," Preparing to Formulate a General
"Plan of Campaign."

An extraordinary general meeting of the holders of ordinary shares in G. H. Druce, Ltd.—the company formed to raise funds to enable Mr. George Hollabury Druce to litigate in respect to his claim on the millions of the Portland London property—was held yesterday at the company's offices at 80, Cornhill.

The chief object of holding the meeting was to comply with a legal formality by passing a resolution declaring the principal business of the company.

At a meeting shortly to be convened the general "plan of campaign" will probably be discussed in detail.

MENACE TO THAMES BRIDGES?

Humorists Suggest They May Not Be Able to With-
stand the Charges of L.C.C. Steamboats.

Although there are only twelve County Council steamboats now running, and the river traffic is comparatively slight, accidents to the boats continue to swell the bill that the ratepayers will have to meet.

The Gresham is the latest "lame duck" of the fleet, having steamed full tilt into Southwark Bridge, and sustaining in the unequal encounter damage to her bows and the loss of a portion of her rails and bulwarks.

Humorists are asking: How long will the bridges be able to endure this buffeting of the L.C.C. boats?

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WEIGHING IN FOR THE CATTLE SHOW.

Dependous Beasts Hourly Arriving at the Agricultural Hall.

HIS MAJESTY'S CHAMPIONS

It was "coming in" and "weighing" day at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, yesterday, in preparation for the annual cattle show to be held next week.

All day long ponderous, slow-moving cattle, nervous sheep, and grunting pigs were being driven to the hall to be duly weighed and taken to their places. One of the earliest arrivals was his Majesty's magnificent Hereford steer, which was awarded all the chief prizes at Birmingham last week. He is a huge ruddy-coloured animal, quite accustomed to shows, and required but the gentlest prods and the murmured "come up, lad," from his keeper to persuade him to waddle placidly into the weighing enclosure.

Afterwards he stood among the warm straw, contentedly licking his keeper's coat while that contented personage groomed him with brush and comb.

Three, flat-backed sheep made frantic efforts to escape from the scales, giving much trouble to the unfatigued shepherds.

STEER WEIGHING A TON.

The shaggy little red Highland cattle, with their spreading horns and fierce eyes, were not so easy to manage. They bellowed, put their heads down, and resisted threats and coaxing alike. But the rots cattleman has an unlimited amount of patience, and a tongue which at times strikes terror into the hearts of the savage little animals, and all were eventually safely stalled.

In the afternoon another of the King's beasts—tremendous white shorthorn steer, weighing over seven tons, waddled in. He looked above the railings with friendly gaze, and blinked solemnly when his enormous weight was registered.

The total amount to be given away in prizes this year is £4,153. The entries number 879, a slight increase upon last year's figures.

It is estimated that the value of the beasts being shown will be over £10,000.

His Majesty the King will visit the show at three o'clock on Monday afternoon.

It is interesting to note that cattle from all the King's farms, from Windsor, Sandringham, and alms, are entered this year.

VEGETARIAN CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Plum Pudding Without Suet, and Nutmeg Roast in Place of the "Beef of Old England."

Nutmeg roast and timbale of chestnuts—vegetarian substitutes for the Christmas turkey and roast beef of Old England—were the pieces of resistance of a "Christmas Day dinner" at the Food Reform Restaurant, Farnham-street, London, last night.

The menu was: Hors d'œuvres; lentil purée and consomme à la princesse; cheese fritters, Jerusalem artichokes; nutmeg roast and braised celery; timbale of chestnuts; plum pudding and sauce; "Eggs mould" and stewed pears; cheese, dessert, and coffee.

The whole menu had no suggestion of animal food about it. There was no suet in the plum pudding or mince pies, and the "Eggs mould" tasted just like blanc mange, excepting that there was no singlass in its formation.

"BAG" OF LAWYERS.

When Mr. Sidney Beale, solicitor, of Kensington, was fined 40s. at the West London Police Court yesterday for excessive speed on a motor-car, it was stated that the occupants were four lawyers, including Mr. Philip Beale, K.C.

Mr. Lane, K.C.: Oh, now I understand the case.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

See page 12.

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

Princess Henry of Battenberg, accompanied by Princess Ena, yesterday opened the new workhouse and infirmary buildings at Wormwood Scrubbs, on which the Hammersmith Guardians have spent £207,000.

For selling margarine as butter, Thomas Marsh, grocer, of Lillie-road, Fulham, was fined £50 at West London yesterday.

After having sat twenty-seven days since October 16, and heard 110 witnesses, the Royal Commission on Motor-cars adjourned yesterday until after Christmas.

Worcester City Council at its next meeting will be asked to sanction an expenditure not exceeding £5,000 on a local site to be selected by the War Office for cavalry barracks.

The crew of the Brixham fishing ketch Florence May, which was sunk in collision with the London steamer Tuskar, off the Start, were landed at Brixham yesterday by the trawler Premier.

In place of Mr. Lewis R. Starkey, resigned, Mr. Alfred Harold Wiggins, of Griffin's Hill House, Selly Oak, near Birmingham, was yesterday elected a director of the Midland Railway.

For the murder of Alice Clover, aged thirty-three, at Wrotham, sentence of death was passed on Samuel Curtis, aged sixty, at Kent Assizes yesterday; and at Liverpool a fireman named Hitchin, for the murder of Thomas Williams, dock time-keeper, also received sentence of death.

While the majority of fashionable ladies now scorn to embroider or sew, both the Queen and Princess Victoria habitually ply their needles each afternoon at Sandringham after tea.

For a group of medals, among which was a Victoria Cross, £80 was given at Glendining's auction rooms yesterday.

In his seventy-first year, Mr. George Alfred Brunwin, of Rayne, Essex, a large landowner and Nonconformist squire, died suddenly of heart disease yesterday.

As a motor-omnibus was proceeding along Baker-street yesterday, part of the road gave way under it. Fortunately the gap was spanned by the vehicle and no one was hurt.

Major E. P. Prest was yesterday appointed Chief Constable of West Suffolk, in place of Captain H. C. Metcalf, who has accepted the chief-constabulary of the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Mr. John Albert Bright, eldest son of the famous orator, John Bright, will address a meeting of Old Liberal on Monday with a view to his selection as second Liberal candidate for Olney.

On the afternoon of December 30, at the Waldorf Theatre, will be presented for the first time an original New Year's play, in three acts, entitled "Noah's Ark," in which certain incidents connected with a piratical cruise of that ancient craft will be depicted. Miss Madge Lessing and Mr. Harry Paulson will be in the cast.

MR. JACK WILLIAMS'S PROCESSION HALTED.



The "Socialist" agitator, accompanied by some hundreds of followers, was preparing to march from Tower Hill to Guildhall yesterday to demand prompt action from the Queen's Fund Committee. An inspector of the City Police served a notice upon Mr. Williams forbidding the procession.

Mr. H. F. Compton (Unionist) and Sir Robert Hobart (Liberal) were nominated for the New Forest (Hants) Parliamentary vacancy yesterday.

Mr. F. W. Dyson, chief assistant at Greenwich Observatory, has been appointed Astronomer Royal for Scotland, in place of the late Mr. Copeland.

To avoid a steam-train from Southport to Edgehill, Catherine McNair, aged eighteen, of Formby, stepped right into the track of an electric-train and was fatally injured.

As a test of sobriety, a Cardiff police-surgeon asked a prisoner to say "military artillery"; the delinquent was an old soldier, used to the phrase, and satisfactorily passed the ordeal.

Burglars who broke into premises in Medlar-street, Camberwell, changed their clothes for new ones, and after making a good meal departed with a quantity of watches and jewellery.

Owing to the difficulty of arranging a date convenient for all the intending passengers, the projected tour of the Vanguard motor-omnibus through France to the Riviera has been indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Rufus Isaacs, K.C., M.P., has bought a country seat in Berks, known as Fox Hill, Earley. The residence is Elizabethan, and the park forms a portion of the ancient domain of White Knights, one of the seats of the Dukes of Marlborough.

Dr. Fisher has resigned the Suffragan Bishopric of Norwich on the ground of ill-health.

Someone playfully deposited a live rat in the letter-box at Ton Pentre (Glamorgan) and the sub-postmaster was badly scared when he opened the box.

Troubled with a non-rent-paying tenant, who refuses to be evicted, a Sheffield landlord has adopted the expedient of pulling the house down about his ears.

Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son, whose bookstall contracts on two of the leading railway systems have expired, yesterday opened shops at Bangor, Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, and Rhyl.

"Dyfed," a Calvinistic Methodist minister of Cardiff, was, as Shrewsbury yesterday, elected Archdeacon of Wales, in succession to the late Hwfa Mon. He had previously acted as deputy.

A warrant has been issued against a missing Manchester police-sergeant, charging him with stealing from a safe of which he held the key £117 in notes and gold, belonging to persons whose cases were before the Court.

"I have a seat, but cannot sit, and it looks as though I shall have to stand again to sit," is a remark attributed to Mr. J. O. Andrews, whose position as M.P. for Barkston Ash is one of the paradoxical effects of a by-election on the eve of a general election.

THEATRES AND MUSIC-HALLS.

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WALDORF THEATRE.—"LIGHTS OUT." EVERY EVENING, at 9. LIGHTS OUT. H. V. ESMOND. CHARLES FULTON. HENRY VIBART. EVA MOORE. DAWSON MILWARD. Preceded, 8.10, by Henri de Vries, in "The Factory Fire." MAT TO-DAY, at 2.15, and EVERY WED. and SAT., 2.30. Miss Dabry will appear in "Le Man" on Monday next. Box Office open ten to ten. Tel. 3830 Gerrard.

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WHY THE ALL-BLACKS WIN

THE question people are asking is not "Who will win at the Crystal Palace this afternoon?" but "How much will the New Zealanders win by?"

Scarcely anyone pretends to think that the English fifteen will play better football than the visitors. Of course, we all hope for the best, but the New Zealanders' success so far makes our chances look, like their costumes, "all-black."

Why is it they have beaten all our picked teams—in many cases, not only beaten them, but walked all round them?

The reason has been sought in their good condition, in the novel arrangement of their forces, in their having played so much together, in the fact that they play Association more than we play Rugby. None of these reasons is enough to account for it.

Naturally they tell in the New Zealanders' favour, but they do not explain why they have proved themselves so very much better at the game than British clubs, which also consist of men who are fit and play regularly together.

The real reasons, it seems to me, are two. One is that the New Zealanders PUT MORE BRAIN INTO THEIR PLAY.

They play well together, but they also play well as individuals. They never miss a chance of taking the initiative. They don't just use their bodily strength and swiftness in an unthinking way. Their minds are directing their energies all the time.

It would be stupidly unfair to say that no English players use their brains to such good purpose as the New Zealanders. But the number of those who do so is not large. The mass of us are never taught to think at school, and it is only the few who learn to think for themselves after they have left school.

Yet it is thinking which makes all the difference both between good work and bad work and between good and bad play. We might with perfect truth alter Hamlet's phrase, "There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so," into "There is nothing either well done or badly done but thinking (or want of thinking) makes it so."

"Muddling through" is a recognised characteristic of ours. That means failure to think, failure to prepare ourselves for our tasks in advance, failure to compete on equal terms with those who have learnt to use their brains. And no nation can muddle through for ever. There always comes a day when it muddles and doesn't get through.

The other reason for the New Zealand footballers' success is that they are drawn from a very large class of players. When every boy in a school plays football the school team is far stronger than it would be if only a few boys played. The same thing holds good with countries as with schools.

In New Zealand, according to Mr. Reeves, the Colony's Agent-General in London, "young men all play at games. They don't look on merely." Their ideal is not watching matches, and talking about them afterwards, but playing them. Paying people to play, as a spectacle, they think very poor fun.

Here in England the number of those who actually play games is quite small. The great majority "merely look on." The fault is not altogether with our young men. They would play if they were brought up to play and provided with grounds to play on. The fault is with the system which does not give them a chance.

The public-school boy who has been made to play and had everything made smooth for him—blame him if you like for not playing after he leaves school. He is a "slacker" if he doesn't.

But pause to reflect before you blame the Board School boy. What chance has he had of learning to play? Give him as good a chance as the New Zealand boy gets and you won't find him content with being merely a spectator any longer.

H. H. F.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Quarrel not rashly with adversaries as yet not understood, nor overlook the mercies often bound up in them.—*Sir Thomas Browne.*

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

IT is hoped that the faintness which suddenly came over the Lord Justice Clerk, Lord Kingsburgh, in his court at Edinburgh, was only a passing affair, and not the prelude of an illness. Lord Kingsburgh has the reputation of being a man of nerve and energy, not subject to weakness of this kind. Anyhow he is a very intrepid motorist, and it will be remembered that he commanded the Volunteer Motor Corps at the Edinburgh review in September. It is said that he has had the usual number of smashes which make a motorist, as falls make a rider or an alpine-climber. They are a part of the proper training.

He himself tells an amusing story of how he was proceeding—quite slowly, if you please—along a road in Perthshire not long ago. He saw a contented-looking man in a pony-cart with a contented-looking pony coming to meet him. As he drew near the man put up his hand and stopped the Judge's motor-car. The reason was naturally demanded. "Oh," said the little man importantly, "I only wanted to see if you'd stop. I have the

answered in a low voice: "Faster! Go much faster!"

The task of employing the workless in the country has, I see, been taken up by the Earl of Sandwich, who has made arrangements to employ all labourers out of work near his famous seat in Huntingdon. Hinchbrook is the name of the house, and it is really one of the finest Elizabethan places in England, full of curious relics of the family history. In one of the rooms, made into a kind of museum, you see a glass case with miniatures, and amongst these a stained piece of blue ribbon, worth as much to the owner as most of his intrinsically more precious things.

The bit of blue ribbon belonged to the first Lord Sandwich, who was a gallant sailor, and Lord High Admiral of England, about the middle of the seventeenth century. Pepys often mentions him in the famous diary, and says that this poor ribbon now mouldering at Hinchbrook was sent to him (it is the Order of the Garter) while he was at sea against the Dutch. He was excused the ceremony of investiture "till hereafter, when it can be done." The hereafter never came. The Earl was

WHAT NEW ZEALAND EXPECTS TO HAPPEN TO-DAY!



A very spirited and amusing cartoon from the "New Zealand Graphic." Will the "All-Blacks" handle the British Lion as severely as this at the Crystal Palace this afternoon, or will the English fifteen prove New Zealand's expectations to have gone too far? Observe the Australian cricketer's joy behind the posts.

right to stop motorists. I am a Justice of the Peace." Lord Kingsburgh handed him his card and said, "I also am acquainted with the law, you see"—after which the Justice looked less contented.

As a matter of fact, the fascination of motoring is insinuating, and because you are an enthusiast at the sport it does not follow that you are really iron-nerved. One of the best-known passages in St. Augustine's "Confessions" tells how a friend of that subtle Doctor of the Church was persuaded to go once to the Coliseum to see the blood-stained sport. He went in loathing and hatred. But he had been there only a few minutes when the horrible glamour of the thing came upon him, and he feasted his eyes on the gladiators and beasts as eagerly as the most ardent Pagan there.

Motoring appears to be like that. It is said that recently a well-known society woman of the old-fashioned type, a little exclusive and prudish, after having expressed her contempt of those road pests for years, was inveigled into entering one, simply in order to go from one house to another along a level road. Her husband, to spare her nerves, proceeded slowly. In a few moments he saw the well-known "motor expression" coming over her face, and she murmured something he did not catch. "What is it, my dear?" The motor-hater

killed off Southwold Bay, in 1672, and they only recognised his body, washed ashore days later, by the ribbon of his last decoration on earth.

Nowadays nobody can exist without papers, but the general use of a paper is to be read, and then thrown away—few of them attract more than a day or two. I notice that the "World and His Wife" is an exception to this rule. The December number is just out, and one sees it lying about on countless drawing-room tables. But, after having been glanced through, it is always kept, to be looked at again and again during the month. Finally, it is put aside for binding, as the most inexhaustible provision for amusement and instruction in days to come. The December number has on the cover a beautiful portrait of the Queen, by Mr. Harold Speed, appearing most opportunely on her Majesty's birthday.

The regimental dinner of the 6th Lancashire Fusiliers has just taken place at the Savoy Restaurant under the presidency of Colonel the Duke of Argyll. Amongst the large muster of officers were: Captain the Duke of Manchester, Colonel F. C. Romer, C.M.G., Lieutenant-Colonel F. Lee-Sanders, Major T. Hutchings, Captain G. A. Gildes, Captain D. E. Robinson, Captain H. F. Watson, D.S.O., Captain C. A. Vanderzee, and Captain P. A. Williams.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

THE WORD "VEGETARIAN."

Dr. Yorke-Davies is entirely in error in saying that "a diet that comprises eggs, milk, cream, cheese, butter, cereals, sugar, etc., cannot by any stretch of the imagination be called a vegetarian diet."

He does not seem to be aware that the word vegetarianism was coined by the Vegetarian Society some fifty years ago, and therefore means exactly what they decided it should mean.

Here is the official definition of the word: "The practice of living on the products of the vegetable kingdom, with or without the addition of eggs and of milk and its products (butter and cheese), to the exclusion of fish, flesh, and fowl."

In other words, a vegetarian is simply a person who abstains from fish, flesh, and fowl.

BERTRAM G. THEOBALD.

57, Moorgate-street, E.C.

"SOCIAL DEMOCRATS'" DEMONSTRATION.

You put rather a stress on the word "Socialists" in your article in to-day's issue. I think this is not quite fair.

I claim to be a Socialist, but have no idea of leaguising myself with such a mob. The doctrine of the Social Democrats, as far as I know, is trade unionism and a corrupt form of socialism combined, but such a combination is, I fear, a failure. All good Socialists, I am sure, would have nothing to do with such a demonstration.

I trust that your readers will look at one party paper, the "Clarion," for an article on this foul and graceless act. If that paper does not denounce it, then for the first time I shall say I am ashamed of Socialists.

ERNEST SHULLY.

Brondesbury, November 30.

MINIATURE MUNICIPAL SANATORIA.

One of our greatest needs in West Ham and other poor boroughs of London is small glass shelters in our open spaces. Some wealthy person would confer a life-long benefit on the aged and invalids if they would defray the small cost of their erection. In a pleasant, sunshiny, retired part of the grounds, and kept by the park-keeper for the exclusive use of persons holding a medical permit, they would prove a daily boon to thousands.

There are many months of the year when the weather prevents numbers of such cases from getting fresh air. These are kept cooped up in dark rooms, lengthening the days of returning convalescence and increasing the dangers to the health of other inmates.

(REV.) T. VARNEY.

St. Cedd's, Canning Town.

MAN-LIKE WOMEN.

If your correspondent "Finance" would investigate the history of women who have masqueraded as men, he would find that most of them have done it to aid them in their crimes.

The loving wife and fond mother does not want to change her life for that of a man; in fact, she could not. Her natural loving disposition would make it impossible.

GORDON BEACH.

Ditchling-rise, Brighton.

"Finance's" wife's household duties must be extremely light, if she can dispose of them in two hours.

From personal experience I can say that a woman who "looks well to the ways of her household" generally finds the greater part of her day fully occupied.

NOT A MAN.

A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Mr. V. H. Cartwright.

AS captain of the English team against the New Zealanders in an match at the Crystal Palace to-day, Mr. Cartwright has for the moment centred the nation's attention upon himself. Mr. Balfour is attracting some notice, so are Lord Rosebery, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, and Mr. Redmond. But to-day Mr. Cartwright is more important to the majority of men than they.

He is a Nottingham man, the son of a solicitor there, and was educated first at a school in Brighton, where his eminence in football began. Next at Rugby, where it grew to maturity; finally at Oxford, where it became genius. Needless to say, he led the Dark Blues against Cambridge, and was the most popular undergraduate of his time.

His real service to English football has been in reviving the Rugby game by his brilliant play in the Midland Counties, and to him is mainly due their recent triumph in the contest for the championship.

IN MY GARDEN.

DECEMBER 1.—The gloomiest month of the year is here. Weather of all kinds must be expected—rain, snow, fog.

Since plant-life is now at a stand-still, and the ground is wet and cold, planting (save that of trees) had better be deferred until February or March, though in good weather a little can still be done.

Few flowers are now to be found in the garden. In sheltered nooks primroses put forth sad-looking blossoms; one or two roses linger in the rose-garden. But Christmas roses will soon be filling our cases with snowy beauty. Winter aconites and snowdrops are preparing to crown the old year, and the new with a humble garland.

E. F. T.

CAMERAGRAPHS



The Baroness Camille von Ferglass, who was falsely charged at Westminster with stealing a sixpenny brooch from the Animal Lovers' Bazaar at the Caxton Hall. There was absolutely no evidence to support the case, and the Baroness was honourably acquitted.

THE FOLLIES AMUSE THE QUEEN.



The Follies by special command appeared before the royal party at Sandringham last night, the Queen's birthday. They played "O! Pierretta." In the photograph they appear in their Wagnerian burlesque costume.

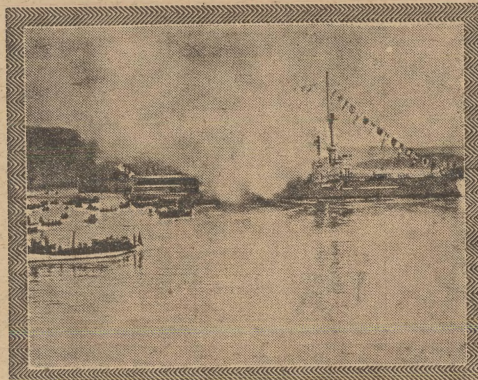
POLICE FILING INTO THE GUILDHALL TO PREVENT UNEMPLOYED DEMONSTRATION.



Yesterday extra police were drafted to the Guildhall to prevent any demonstration on the part of the unemployed, who met at Tower Hill in order to compel the committee sitting at the Guildhall to move more quickly in finding work for the unemployed.

NEWS

FOREIGN FLEET SALUTE NORWAY'S KING



The launch in the foreground is carrying King Haakon of Norway from the German battleship, which is firing a royal salute, to H.M.S. Cæsar.

KING HAAKON VISITS H.M.S. CÆSAR.



The King of Norway going up the gangway of H.M.S. Cæsar, lying off Christiania.

TODAY'S

LADY ANSTF



Who will be married to-day, at St. Barn's, H. C. Hanbury-Tracy, of the

MISS MARIAN



Who will be married to-day to the Hon. is the daughter of the late Colonel

MISS VERA



Daughter of Mr. Arthur Houston, K. married to-day to Mr. F. Rattigan,

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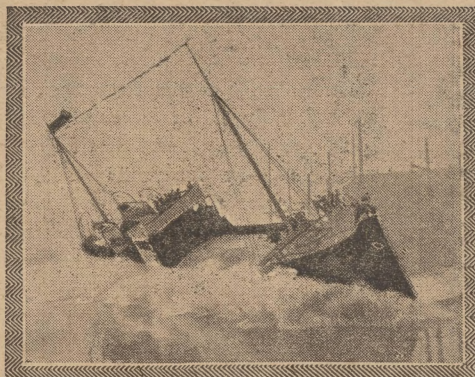
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VIEWS

LAUNCHED BROADSIDE ON.



Striking photograph of the steamer Admiral being launched at Maryport in Cumberland broadside on. She threw up a tremendous wave, as seen in the picture.

THE KING'S LION CUB.



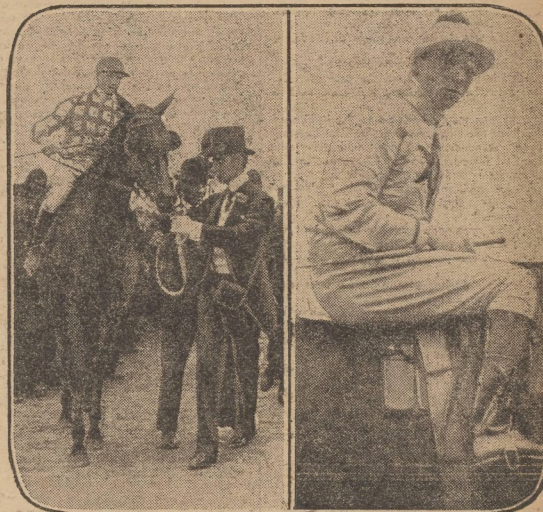
The insert shows one of the two lion cubs presented by the King to the Zoo two months ago. As can be seen by the big picture, the cub has grown enormously during these last two months.

MR. CHAUNCEY DEPEW GIVES EVIDENCE.

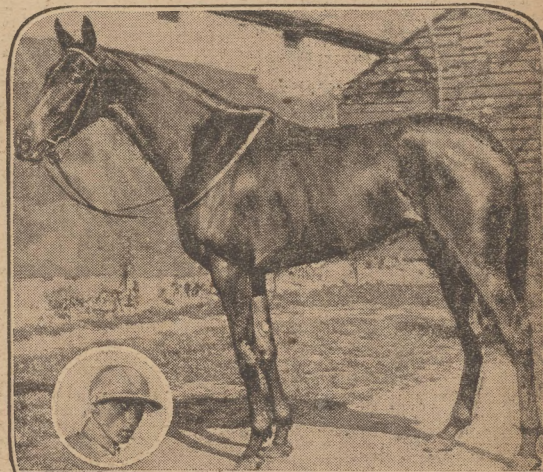


Senator Chauncey Depew (marked with an X) giving evidence at the inquiry being held with regard to the American insurance scandals. Standing is Mr. Charles Hughes, counsel for the Insurance Investigation Committee.

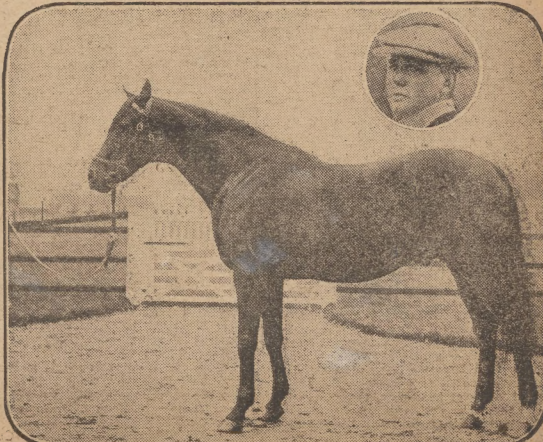
SEASON'S RACING RECORDS



Mr. Hall Walker, leading in Cherry Lass. He heads the list of winning owners this year with £23,687. On the right D. Maher, the jockey who has won the biggest percentage of races on the flat this year.



Cherry Lass, the mare which has won £13,119 for her owner this year, and heads the list of winning horses. The insert shows Wheatley, the jockey who has won most races this year—124 in all.



Isinglass, the principal winning sire in this year's flat season. The insert shows Mr. Robinson, this year's most successful trainer.

'THE WOMAN TEMPTED ME.'

By ANNIE AUMONIER.

CHAPTER XXVI. (continued).

The man in the next cab was leaning forward over the doors and looking at her. An unlighted cigarette depended loosely from his lower lip, and he was wearing dress-clothes. It was Ivor Armystage. He was dining that night at the Mainwaring's house in Chelsea.

He raised his hat. Balshaw returned his salutation, changed in an instant from the man of resistless purpose to the nonchalant, well-bred man of the world.

Then Armystage stepped out on to the footboard. So closely were the cabs together that he could have stepped across from the one to the other with ease. He had raised his hat to Clare, not to Balshaw. Now he completely ignored him.

"Clare," he said, in his cold voice, "it's—er—quite simple. Just step across into my cab. I will drive you home."

His cold blue eyes rested on her face. Her veil was still up, and the stress and strain of her haunting experience were printed unmistakably on her pale face.

Two little pink flushes sprang into existence on the man's waxlike face as he spoke.

"Thank you," said Clare, "but Mr. Balshaw has been kind enough to offer me escort." The policeman leant back in the cab. The policeman stepped to one side; the traffic rolled on.

"You shall pay for this—both of you!" gasped Armystage under his breath.

The cabman driving Clare and Balshaw skillfully outmanœuvred the cab containing Armystage, and took the lead down Piccadilly.

Clare was trembling with indignation agitation. She knew that she would have to pay for her conduct; but Armystage's veiled insult both to herself and her companion had stung her into defiance. It had been too intolerable. He had ordered her into his cab, treating her like some disobedient child. Drawing out her handkerchief, she twisted it between her hands.

The bundle of letters, purchased for £1,000, slipped from her pocket to the floor of the cab. The action of wringing her handkerchief seemed to afford her feelings some relief; but she could not bring herself to glance at the man beside her. He had been a witness to her humiliation. Balshaw's face was hard as rock. Some minutes passed before he spoke. He had allowed precious time to slip by; but he had been afraid to speak, afraid of what he might say.

"You still persist in your belief in the inevitable?" he said. "You mean to tell me that you are willing to submit to destiny in the shape of that contemptible thing who follows behind us in a cab?"

His voice rang cold with contempt. He was trying now to play on her pride and the spirit of resistance that Armystage's conduct had conjured up to the surface.

She turned upon him with a gesture of passionate despair.

"You are brutal now," she whispered. "You are trying to goad me into a confession. It is all so unavailing. And you only cause me needless pain, though I know the splendid spirit that actuates you. Please don't make my life harder for me than it is. Let me thank you again and again for all you have done for me, dear friend. You will not breathe a word of what has happened to-day, please! You have done more for me than I can ever repay."

She broke off suddenly. Her whole manner changed. She might have posed as a model for my Lady Disdala. Armystage's cab had drawn level, and thus the two cabs continued across Sloane-square. Then Armystage's cab forged ahead. He raised the little trap in the back and stared out.

Clare took Balshaw's hand between both her own.

"God bless you—again and again thanks. I must not, cannot see you again. I will write—pay you back the money. Please don't waste your time with thoughts of me—you will go on with your life as you have begun—you were meant to be great and you must be great. And you will know how proud I shall be of you. And all your kindness and chivalry and restraint and—and tenderness will always remain green in my memory and be deeply treasured."

The cabman, spurred to emulation by the handsome ahead, lashed his horse into greater speed, and drew up almost level with his rival. They were clattering along the Embankment now. A tug hooted from the river. Lights gleamed from the far shore.

Balshaw's hand closed like a band of steel round Clare's. Remorse, for a moment, had come between him and his purpose. Her brave, inspiring words had been as sharp knives.

"Don't talk to me like that!" he whispered hoarsely. "You don't understand. It is you, you—always you! You are my present, and my future!"

The cab ahead gained, and swung round into Carlyon-terrace first. A few moments, and the drive would be at an end. Balshaw pressed a burning kiss on Clare's hand. The strange, muffled sound that came from his lips had something in its note that sounded of a sob.

With a low cry of heart-pain, the woman withdrew her hand. She was enduring an agony, fighting to keep this man from conquering her heart, and tortured by his impassioned words. She was distracting him from the great career that her imagination had limned for him!

The cabman was reining up.

"For my sake," she breathed out, "for the peace of my soul, don't let me stand between you and your future—you mustn't! You mustn't!"

The thought that she might be marring this strong, purposeful man's life—this man who was made for big things—was terrible to her. If she were but a source of inspiration to him, consolation would be born from these present throes of agony.

There was no time for more. The cab drew up. Armystage stood waiting on the pavement, ready to assist Clare to alight. She made a supreme effort. "Good-bye, Mr. Balshaw!" she cried, shaking hands. "Thank you so much. I am so glad that you are really convalescent now."

She stepped from the cab to the pavement—a stony-faced, beautiful Lady Disdala. Armystage said nothing, and, jerking away his unlighted cigarette, rang the bell.

"25a, Aubrey-street!" said Balshaw, as the cabman peered down the trap.

Back along the Embankment, with the mystery of night and the will-of-the-wisp reflections of lights on ourshining tide and stream.

For the rest of the drive he sat still and unmoving as a thing of stone. "Ere you are, sir!" said the cabman apologetically through the trap when, the destination reached, his fare showed no signs of alighting. Balshaw looked up with a start, and gathered himself up stiffly. He stepped nimbly to the pavement. He was still fixed up in plaster of Paris, and in the sharp skirmish at Tamperet's Hotel he had given himself a nasty wrench. He was only conscious of the fact now.

The cabman, after the fashion of cabmen, peered down into the empty cab, to see if anything remained behind in the shape of newspapers or other unconsidered trifles. The interior lamp revealed something white lying on the floor. Springing from the box, he picked up what proved to be a bundle of letters, tied round with string, and reached Balshaw just as a manservant was opening the door to him.

"Yours, sir?" said the cabman, holding out the letters.

Balshaw fingered the bundle for a moment. It was no property of his, but the cab had had another occupant. He gave the cabman an extra five shillings, and passed into the house, taking the letters with him.

CHAPTER XXVII.

"Where have you been? Why are you wearing old clothes and a most unbecoming veil? I will not put up with this kind of thing, Clare. I've told you once before that I will not tolerate any kind of intercourse between you and this fellow, Balshaw. I don't want a scandal, or a fracas, or anything unpleasant of that sort; but, understand for the last time, that if anything of this sort occurs again I shall break off the engagement. Now answer my questions."

Ivor Armystage spoke with biting deliberation. He stood alone with Clare in the small hall of the house in Carlyon-terrace.

"I refuse to, absolutely!" Clare drew herself up to her full height.

"You are forgetting—"

"No. I forget nothing. But let me tell you this—there is a limit to everything, even my powers of endurance. For all your power, you may go too far one of these days. I am submitting to sufficient degradation already, heaven knows; but I will not be dictated to by you in this manner. I shall go where I choose; I shall associate with whom I please—"

"Even to keeping assignations with a plausible adventurer, who poses as a traveller on the strength of a few cheap excursion trips abroad?" interrupted Armystage unhesitatingly. "Apart from all other considerations, I credited you with—er—better taste and more self-respect."

He shrugged his shoulders and fixed her with his blue, shallow eyes.

"I've always looked on pride as the key-note to your rather complex character. And, also, I should have thought the fellow's obvious relations with Mrs. Wilbraham would have been sufficient to choke you off."

Clare stood voiceless and paralysed. Her impotence was the impotence of fury.

"I don't want to keep you," continued Armystage.

"We dine, I believe, at half-past seven, and, as it is, you haven't much time to make your toilette, and I—er—have wholesome horror of scenes of any kind; but, understand, if this occurs again I shall be compelled to approach Lady Mainwaring."

From sheer force of habit he took a cigarette from his case and gummed it to his lower lip.

"I shall tell Lady Mainwaring, as delicately as possible, that in going through a number of paid-up cheques returned to me from my bank—but it is hardly necessary to continue, is it?"

He had never taken his eyes from her. They stared at her with the cold, glassy stare of a snake's. Her proud head dropped forward a little. There was a hopeless, despairing light in her eyes.

"It isn't pleasant for me to have to speak to you in this sort of way, Clare. But you bring it on yourself; don't you know. Confound it all, I've made my wishes pretty clear to you. But it only wants five minutes to the half-hour. Go along and get dressed."

(To be continued.)

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TRICKING MR. MORGAN.

CAPEL COURT, Friday Evening.—Russia and our general election were the two points discussed on the Stock Exchange to-day. The immediate result was to cause business to be non-existent. People prefer to wait to see what the Government is going to do. Yet everybody professed to believe that the Government intended to resign, and if the announcement was not coming to-day, it would only be a matter of a few days.

The Russian news was read as bad, especially the talk of a financial crisis. In spite of it, and in spite of the fact that Paris has its monthly settlement to think of, most of the Continental bourse favourites were fairly well maintained.

On our Stock Exchange, the sum total of all the uncertainties, including the general election, was that Consols fell 3-16 to 90 3-16, or 99 9-16 in their ex-dividend form.

There was a little falling away in the Home Railway group. Of course, the absence of business and the political uncertainties caused a few people to sell. But, when all is said, the concessions were very slight, and it was difficult to find a stock that moved downward more than 1/2.

ERIE DEAL SCANDAL.

The New York Stock Exchange opened after its day's holiday, but there was not very much in American Rails to encourage it, and prices, in fact, were rather on the down grade. The story of the Erie deal certainly was not calculated to inspire confidence. If it is a fair specimen of American financial methods.

It seems the Cincinnati-Dayton line was sold to the Morgans and transferred to the Erie. But when the settlement came, the finance firm of the Morgans found that they had bought the line, but that the seller had stuck to the terminals, and was trying to squeeze an extortionate price for them. It reads more like a piece of Houndsditch "sharping" than finance.

The Morgans very properly have taken back the line from the Erie, and Mr. Pierpont Morgan admits himself "done." Such incidents are not likely to make for harmony in the American railway world, and certainly do not encourage British investors to hold a high opinion of their methods.

RUSSIAN BONDS WEAK.

Canadian Rails were not quite so good, but they continue to buy Argentine and Brazilian Rails on crop prospects, but the Mexican Railway group seems to have taken a turn for the better on an agitation to remove the board and pay bigger dividends. So, on the whole, Foreign Rails do not give much cause for complaint.

Naturally, most interest centred in Russian bonds to-day. They showed decided weakness, falling to the lowest point touched—83 1/2. They closed a little above the worst, reaching 84. Having regard to the special weakness of these bonds, it was the more noteworthy that most of the foreign bourse favourites kept fairly firm.

Copper shares continue strong, because of the scarcity of the metal, and the gamble in it which has taken prices to a very high and profitable level for the companies. The copper statistics to-day show an enormous shrinkage in the amount of the metal in sight.

RHODESIAN DIAMOND POSSIBILITIES.

Kaffirs looked like going ahead at first, but then the surrounding conditions were too much for them, and, though a good deal of fuss was made over various points, such as the Rhodesian diamond possibilities, a spell of liquidation was threatened.

The market subsequently recovered, and the sum total is that the position is very much where it was yesterday evening, and, having regard to the circumstances to-day, this must be considered a very satisfactory result. The Banket group is rather dull. There has been some buying of West Africans.

The unfounded story of a new Anglo-American Company's cable being projected, and to be paid for out of reserves, affected the securities of the company adversely. There was a good recovery in the Chinese gambling group. A dealer has been writing eulogistically to the newspapers.

NEW ISSUE.—Apparently London is not long to be without its motor-cabs. A new company has been formed, called the Automobile Cab Company, and its prospectus is advertised in our columns. It seems that fifty cabs are likely to be on the London streets by mid-March, and the number will be increased up to 200 cabs by fifty every month. These cabs are to be fitted with taximeters. Sir James Ritchie, Bart., is the chairman of the company. The capital is £100,000, in shares of £1 each at "par." The estimated earnings are £10 per cab per week. The net profit is estimated at £21,000.

"TRUSTS" OUT OF PLACE IN ENGLAND.

His experience of rings, trusts, and combinations led him to the conclusion that it was impossible to raise prices artificially in England, said Mr. Arthur Chamberlain, in presiding at the meeting of Tubes, Limited, in Birmingham yesterday.

Nearly 30,000 People Have Been Fed Through the Agency of the "Daily Mirror" Scheme.

FORTNIGHT'S WORK AT A GLANCE.

To-day thirteen boroughs are enabled to employ some of their unemployed workmen by means of the *Daily Mirror* scheme. To-day 670 men who, but for the work and the wages which the generosity of *Daily Mirror* readers has provided, would have been faced with the horrors of cold and hunger and the profitless search for work are earning a wage of 3s. 6d. for a day's useful labour.

To-day marks the close of the second week during which the scheme has been in operation. By this evening it will have provided 5,935 days' work for men who ask for nothing else but that they may work and support their families. The average number of persons in each family is at least five, for the men working are all selected by the labour bureaux of their boroughs. Altogether over 29,000 persons have been helped by the scheme.

What this means to the great mass of London's workless but willing labourers, only those can know who actually work among them.

The great task which the *Daily Mirror* set itself was to provide work for 1,000 men each day until the great Queen's Fund—now amounting to over £100,000—was ready to make a serious attack on the "Unemployed Problem."

During the last two days the funds have not made this possible, but still, as the following record of to-day's work shows, half the boroughs of the metropolis have been able to help at least a proportion of their deserving poor.

West Ham: 100 men street-sweeping.
Battersea: 100 men—60 men road-repairing and 40 preparing stone.
Shoreditch: 50 men street-sweeping.
Marylebone: 20 men street-sweeping.
Islington: 50 men street-sweeping.
Lambeth: 50 men street-sweeping.
Lewisham: 25 men street-sweeping.
Poplar: 50 men street-sweeping.
Bermondsey: 50 men street-sweeping.
Finsbury: 50 men digging a trench for a new sewer.
St. Pancras: 50 men street-sweeping.
Stoke Newington: 25 men street-sweeping.
Stepney: 50 men street-sweeping.

Of the remaining boroughs:—

Westminster has had work for 400 men.
Paddington has had work for 600 men.
Fulham has had work for 400 men.
Finsbury has had work for 400 men.
Hackney has had work for 400 men.
Tottenham has had work for 100 men and will begin work again on Monday.
Hamstead has had work for 100 men, and will work again on Monday.

Of the boroughs which declared themselves in line with the *Daily Mirror* scheme, the following

are still waiting for the word from the *Daily Mirror* to begin work:—

Greenwich.	Holborn.
Chelsea.	Camberwell.
Bedford Green.	

Kensington is in a class to itself. Two cheques—one for £17 10s. and another for £5—have been received with a special request that the money should be spent in that borough. But Kensington is not decided whether to accept the money or not. Yesterday the donor of the larger cheque wrote to say that unless Kensington wanted the money there was no reason why it should be withheld from the others who want it.

ONLY THE GENUINE NEEDED.

Yesterday there was an increase in the amount of money subscribed to the fund, so it may perhaps be possible to increase the number of those receiving work and wages to the hoped-for figure of 1,000 a day.

And every one of the men relieved is a genuine man really wanting work. For months the labour bureaux of every borough in London have been inquiring into the cases of the men who have enrolled themselves as but too anxious to work. Every man employed by the scheme is drawn from the labour bureaux, so it is impossible for any man who has not been for some time out of work, and a genuine resident of the borough, to benefit by the scheme.

The work of cleaning the streets began in four new boroughs yesterday.

"It was absolutely necessary that something be done to relieve the starving in St. Pancras," said Mr. C. A. Hancock, superintendent of the labour bureau. "I am certain that never before has there been such distress in this borough."

NO COLLECTING-CARDS.

There have been many requests for collecting-cards, but, as the *Daily Mirror* scheme has worked so successfully chiefly because it is so simple, it has been decided not to issue any.

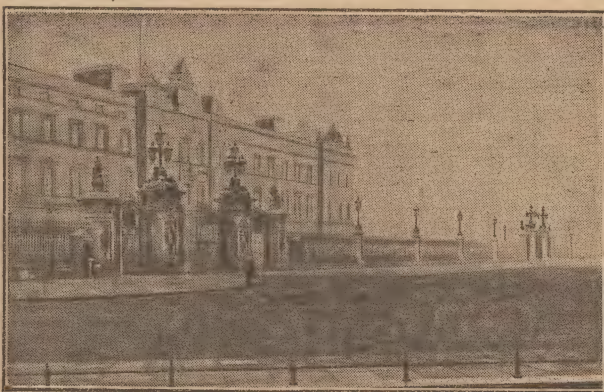
As at present carried on there are no expenses. All the money that is subscribed is paid in wages, and the funds at the disposal of the organisers can be seen at once. If collecting-cards were used, this would be impossible.

Further particulars of the *Daily Mirror* scheme appear on page 3.

IMPROVED HIGH PRESSURE GAS LIGHTING AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

All those who were in the vicinity of Buckingham Palace after dark last night must have noticed the magnificent effect produced by the brilliant gas lights which now surmount the gateways and railings. Altogether there are 28 lamps, which

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The Ancient Greeks were the first to discover electricity by rubbing amber, the name of which is Elektron. Like so many other great discoveries it was neglected for many centuries. Indeed, it is only within comparatively recent years that it has been extensively utilised in the service of man. Now, however, electricity has invaded every department of industrial life, and bids fair to supersede almost entirely mere manual labour. Not only is our material welfare laid under unlimited obligation to this subtle power, but recent discoveries have shown that it is destined to compass in its beneficial action the whole round of human life; for, as it is the motor force that drives our machinery, so it is also the mainspring of brain, nerves, and muscles. Drugs, too, it would be safe to predict, will give place to electricity as a therapeutic agent. Professor Loeb, who knows more about the curative effects of electricity than any other man living, and Dr. Matthews, of the Chicago University (whose pupil he was), have discovered that the electric current in certain of the inorganic salts, to which the name of Lineal has been given, has a wonderful curative effect on the tissues of the body. It is almost an infallible cure for every kind of pain, and its healing properties in cuts, sores, and skin diseases generally are without doubt unequalled in the British Pharmacopoeia. Even Professor Loeb and Dr. Matthews are unable to say at present what is the precise molecular action of Lineal Liment on the nerve tissues, but that is more interesting to the Scientist than to the millions of sufferers who will benefit by their discoveries. The Chicago University have just announced some very extraordinary discoveries by Dr. Matthews while experimenting with inorganic salts.

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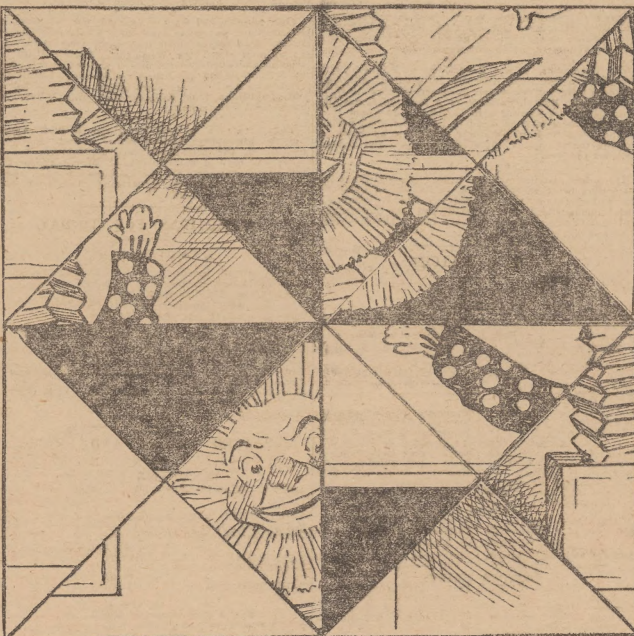
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"Jack Frost" and "The Golden Sixpences" are pretty books from the same firm, who are also issuing a very handsomely-illustrated new edition of "John Gilpin."

Next week a further batch of children's books will be reviewed on this page.



A return to an old and very favourite form of competition picture, particulars concerning which the adjoining letterpress will provide.

book entitled "A Little Princess," by Frances Hodgson Burnett, the authoress of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," of which I will tell you something in my next chat on Christmas books.

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PRIZE AWARDS AND HONOURABLE MENTIONS.

Our young competitors are certainly qualifying for an artistic career. All the prize-winners' contributions and many of those who receive honourable mentions are beautiful enough to be sent away as Christmas cards to the most fastidious recipient. A huge number of children entered for the competition, and the prizes were awarded as follows.

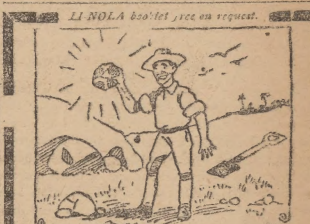
The first one of five shillings goes to William Smith, aged eleven, 133, Wand-street, Leicester; the second, of half-a-crown, to Fred Bancroft, aged ten, 8, Sydenham-terrace, Lower Bristol-road, Bally; the third, of two-and-sixpence, to Violet Martin, six-and-three-quarter years old, 21, Stretey-road, Brondesbury, N.W.; and the fourth, also of two-and-sixpence, to Clarice Yates, Jedmont, Birchanger-road, Woodside, S.E., whose snow is extraordinarily realistic and very well brushed in. Honourable mentions are awarded to Lily Hazel, Girdle Cross, Irene Marild Bradden Ward, Charlie Chapman, Dorothy Dewey, Mabel Page, Winifred Evelyn Earee, Pauline Dewey, and Edward Browne.

I am sorry I cannot print the addresses and ages of the winners of all the prizes and the honourable mentions this week, because I want to say something about Christmas books, and space is precious.

Next week's competition is one of the very popular cut-out pictures. The pieces must be cut out and fitted together to form a picture, and must be pasted neatly upon paper or cardboard. The usual prizes, namely one of five shillings, and three of half-a-crown are offered, and the competitors should be sent in addressed to the Children's Corner, Daily Mirror, 12, Whitefriars-street, London, E.C., up till the first post on Wednesday morning next, December 6.



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